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TAGS: PFOR, IS

SUBJECT: STRAITS OF TIRAN

REF: JERUSALEM 1374

FOR LEIGH FROM ALDRICH

1. FROM TEXT OF DULLES PRESS CONFERENCE OF FEBRUARY 19, 1957, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT HE MEANT WORDS "FREE AND INNOCENT" TO BE SYNONYMOUS WITH "INNOCENT". THERE IS NO INDICATION TERM WAS INTENDED TO COVER OVERFLIGHT.

2. ILLUSTRATIVE OF DULLES STATEMENTS IN PRESS CONFERENCE IS THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE;

QUOTE: Q. MR. SECRETARY, TO CLARIFY ONE POINT, IS IT  
OUR VIEW THAT ONCE ISRAELI TROOPS ARE  
WITHDRAWN FROM AQABA THAT EGYPT WOULD HAVE

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NO RIGHT TO STOP ISRAELI SHIPS THAT ARE

GOING TO ELATH?

A. YES, THAT IS ASSUMING THEY FALL WITHIN THE  
GENERALLY ACCEPTED DEFINITION OF INNOCENT  
PASSAGE.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, I COULD NOT HEAR YOUR  
ANSWER.

A. MY ANSWER WAS THAT THERE IS NO RIGHT TO  
PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF ISRAELI SHIPS,  
ASSUMING THAT THEY ARE ENGAGED IN WHAT  
IS COMPREHENDED IN INTERNATIONAL LAW BY  
THE TERM OF INNOCENT PASSAGE.  
UNQUOTE.

3. OUR POSITION ON TIRAN REMAINS THAT OF INNOCENT  
PASSAGE. IT MAY, OF COURSE, BE POSSIBLE IN FINAL  
PEACE AGREEMENT FOR ISRAELIS TO NEGOTIATE OVERFLIGHT  
RIGHTS OR EVEN SPECIAL CORRIDOR, BUT THERE IS NO  
REALISTIC POSSIBILITY FOR THEM TO OBTAIN SUCH RIGHTS  
WITH RESPECT TO TIRAN IN LOS CONFERENCE. INGERSOLL

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